

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/711,192	LIAO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jwalant Amin	2628	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Applicant's remarks filed on 6/21/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>6/29/06</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>See Continuation Sheet.</u> |

Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: Examiner Initiated Interview Summary (PTO-413B).

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see page 8 lines 15-20 and lines 27-28, and page 9 lines 1-7, filed 6/21/06, with respect to independent claims 1 and 4-8 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1 and 4-8 has been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Winston Hsu on 8/29/06.
4. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 4, replace the word "claim 3", on the first line, with the word "claim 1".

In claim 5, replace the word "claim 3", on the first line, with the word "claim 1".

In claim 6, replace the word "claim 3", on the first line, with the word "claim 1".

In claim 7, replace the word "claim 3", on the first line, with the word "claim 1".

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1 and 4-8 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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Regarding independent claim 1, the prior art of record fails to show that a BIOS selects one of the two outputs of the first switching module to output the RGB graphics signal and for selecting one of the two outputs of the second switching module to output the YUV video signal, to be input to the mixing module according to the format of the output interface, and that the output interface is directly connected to the mixing module for receiving the output of the mixing module.

Claims 4-7 are dependent on claim 1, and therefore the Examiner gives the same reasons as stated above.

Regarding independent claim 8, the prior art of record fails to show that depending on the output interface, the control signal controls the first switching module to transform the RGB graphics signal into a YUV graphics signal for mixing with YUV video signal, or the control signal controls the second switching module to transform the YUV video signal into an RGB video signal for mixing with RGB graphics signal, and outputting the mixed signal directly to the output interface.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jwalant Amin whose telephone number is 571-272-2455. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Zimmerman can be reached on 571-272-7653. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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